

Buffalo, June 21/65.

My dear Gray:

Since putting my former note of this date in the P. A., I have looked over my box, and find the spec'ns which I took for the big ~~Elephant~~ ^{Elephant} ~~Scorpaen~~. So doubtful that I will send you one of them. I must look further. Your *Eleocharis tenuis* (what I have seen of it, is red stained at the base). Perhaps *E. palustris* is so too. I don't remember about it. I am pretty confident that our big one is not.

Allow me to yammer! You say "look sharp!" Now it too often is - Look at this & look at that! It is too bad! I have contracted an inveterate habit of looking with your eyes, & I will use my own, if I can help it - that's prog! Botany has, thanks to your kindness, less

been all play with me, and
now you want to make it
work! I won't work, if I can
help it - and, if I can't help
it, I'll work as little as
I can.

Yours are,

G. W. Whitman.

Prof. A. Gray.

I sent some little Scrips to Prof.
Tuckerman, at his request.
I'll bet a nickel that every
specimen of it is plain S. plan's.